



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 678

LCO No. 4163

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE CONNECTICUT
PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT TO THE ELDERLY
AND THE DISABLED PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-492 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) Eligibility for participation in the program shall be limited to any
4 resident (1) who is sixty-five years of age or older or who is disabled,
5 (2) whose annual income, if unmarried, is less than [thirteen thousand
6 eight hundred] twenty thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars, or
7 whose annual income, if married, when combined with that of [his]
8 such resident's spouse is less than [sixteen thousand six hundred]
9 twenty-eight thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars, (3) who is not
10 insured under a policy which provides full or partial coverage for
11 prescription drugs once a deductible amount is met, and (4) on and
12 after September 15, 1991, who pays an annual twenty-five-dollar
13 registration fee to the Department of Social Services. On January 1,
14 1998, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall, by the adoption
15 of regulations in accordance with chapter 54, increase the income

16 limits established under this subsection over those of the previous
17 fiscal year to reflect the annual inflation adjustment in Social Security
18 income, if any. Each such adjustment shall be determined to the
19 nearest one hundred dollars. Any resident who is otherwise eligible
20 under this subsection but whose annual income exceeds the income
21 limits established under subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be
22 eligible to participate in the program provided such resident shall pay
23 a graduated copayment charge for prescriptions in accordance with a
24 schedule established by the commissioner.

25 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To make prescription drugs more broadly available to senior citizens
and disabled individuals.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline,
except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is
not underlined.]*

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